

**City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation
Festival of the Falls
Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules and Guidelines**

2008 Festival of the Falls Pumpkin Carving Contest:

The Pumpkin Carving Contest will begin at 11 am Saturday, October 18 as part of the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department's Festival of the Falls event. Thank you to all participants for submitting their carving masterpieces. Winners will be selected by the public through ballot casting at the Festival of the Falls. Contest winners can claim their prizes beginning at 9 am on Monday, October 20 at the Bloomington Parks and Recreation main office, located in City Hall at 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250. Happy carving!

How to Enter

Stop by the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office in City Hall (401 N. Morton St., Suite 250 in Bloomington) and register for the contest, or fill out the online form at www.bloomington.in.gov/parks. No registration fee is required; however, you must register in advance to receive a unique entry number.

Carve your pumpkin. With a permanent marker write your unique contestant registration number on the back of the pumpkin.

Drop your pumpkin off at the Sycamore Shelter at Lower Cascades Park (at the intersection of Old State Road 37 and Clubhouse Drive) on Friday, October 17 between 3 – 6 pm. Be sure your pumpkin has been marked/identified with your registration number. When you drop your pumpkin off, Parks and Recreation staff will photograph you with your carved masterpiece.

Your pumpkin will be displayed and judged on Saturday, October 18 from 11 am – 5 pm. You are welcome to take your pumpkin home following the judging.

Judging

Judging is simple: the pumpkin with the most votes wins. During the Festival of the Falls event, participants will be able to view all pumpkins and vote for their favorite.

Contest Rules:

1. You must register your pumpkin(s) by Wednesday, October 15.
2. You may enter as many pumpkins as you like. Each pumpkin must have its own unique registration number.
3. Late entries will not be accepted. Pumpkins arriving after 6 pm on Friday, October 17 will be considered late.

4. Write your pumpkin's unique registration number on the back of the pumpkin with a permanent marker.
5. By entering the contest, entrants accept and agree to these rules and the prize judging process, the results of which shall be final. Entrants also agree to allow Bloomington Parks and Recreation to use their names, contest entries, likenesses and/or other related information for promotional purposes.
6. Judging will occur by casting of ballots. Each participant during the Festival of the Falls event (October 18 from 11am – 5pm) may cast one vote.
7. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places.
8. In the case of a tie, the winner will be selected by random draw.
9. Prizes won by minors will be awarded to parent or legal guardian who must sign and return all required documents.
10. Winners will be announced Saturday, October 18 at 6:15 pm from the main stage at the Festival of the Falls event.

Pumpkin Contest Tips

- Do not carve your pumpkin too early.
- Write your pumpkin's unique registration number on the back of the pumpkin with a permanent marker.
- When you've completed carving your pumpkin, put plastic wrap over it and put it in the refrigerator.
- Soak your pumpkin in a bucket of water for an hour before you drop it off.
- Provide 2-3 candles or something to illuminate your pumpkin so it will be well lit for judging.

Have fun, good luck and happy carving!

